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1. The production of ball bearings was started in May 1950 in the Vallo plant in Kysucke Hove Mosto (050/X52). This plant, the construction of which was started in 1947, is subordinate to the Zbrojovka-Brno ball bearing plant in Brno-Lisen. It is expected that by 1952 it will produce about one-third of the needs of the Czechoslovak industry. However, at the present time, production is only half that planned for the plant. At the present time, single- and double-row ball bearings and axial bearings of between 10 mm and 300 mm in diameter are being produced. These are manufactured from steel supplied by the United Steelworks (formerly Poldi) in Kladno. Most of the production machinery was delivered from Zbrojovka-Brno. Production follows British methods. Preparations are being made for the production of roller bearings. The main production difficulty is caused by the shortage of special high-grade grinding wheels. These are delivered by the United Steelworks, but often they do not meet the hardness requirement of 60 degrees Rockwell. Completed bearings are delivered to the warehouse in Brno-Lisen.
2. The factory employs about 1,500 workers, including about 300 clerks. No political prisoners are employed. It is planned that the number of employees will increase to over 4,000. There are no SNB members stationed at the plant. Leading personnel of the plant include the following:

Plant Manager	Justin Letko, about 36 years old, married, an ardent Communist; an uneducated former worker.
Political Deputy	Stefan Kulicka, 63 years old, married, an ardent Communist; a former tailor's apprentice.
Production Chief	Ing. Jablunka, a Czech, 40 years old, married, a moderate Communist; a technician from Brno-Lisen.
Plant Foreman	Stefan Dada, 45 years old, married, an ardent Communist.

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Chairman of the Plant  
Communist Party Unit

Koloman Kollarik, 37 years old, married, an  
ardent Communist.

Commander of the Plant  
Militia

Emil Slezak, 32 years old, married, a convinced  
Communist. The militia numbers about 220 men  
armed with rifles.

3. The following list is a key to the attached sketch of the Vallo Plant in Kysucke Nove Mesto. The numbers are keyed to the sketch.

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| 1) Administration building                                     | Four-story reinforced concrete building.   |
| 2) Guardroom   | Single-story brick building about four meters square. One porter and two members of the plant militia stand guard at a time.   |
| 3) Laboratories and testing room                               | Four-story building with a tin roof.   |
| 4) Assembly hall   | Reinforced concrete building with a glassed roof, about 150 m by 70 m. This hall also housed the packing and shipping rooms.   |
| 5) Production hall for manufacture of bearing rings and frames | Reinforced concrete building with a glassed roof, 150 m by 70 m. A large number of automatic lathes, internal and plain grinders and 15 presses for producing bronze bearing housings. There is also a tempering shop in this hall.        |
| 6) Ball production hall  | Reinforced concrete building with a glassed roof, 150 m by 70 m. Equipment includes ten automatic machines for the production of balls, forty grinding machines, a tempering shop, and electro-plating equipment.                          |
| 7) Boiler house  | This plant consists of two modern automatically fed steam boilers. The boiler house chimney is about 30 m tall.  |
| 8) Open-air coal storage area                                  | This dump has a capacity of about 60 carloads.   |
| 9) Joinery, garages and automobile repair shop                 | The garages house two Tatra trucks, model 111, four Skoda trucks of five tons capacity, two Ford trucks, two Skoda cars, one Tudor car, one Tatraplan car and three Aero-Minor cars.   |
| 10) Plant Militia, washrooms, offices of the foremen           | Three-story brick building, about 30 m by 15 m. On the first floor are the washrooms and showers; the militia rooms and arms storerooms are on the second floor; the foremen's offices and the Planning Department are on the third floor. |
| 11) New laboratories and testing rooms                         | Large four-story reinforced concrete building under construction.  |
| 12) Employees' living quarters                                 | Twenty brick houses.   |
| 13) Railroad signalmen's houses                                |  |
| 14) Kysucke Nove Mesto railroad station                        |  |

Attachment: Sketch of the Vallo Plant in Kysucke Nove Mesto

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